

# STERLING TIMES

GRADE 5 NEWSLETTER



Thursday, April 6, 2023, Day 2

8:40am Assembly Friday

## First Live School Play in Years, "35" Delights Audiences

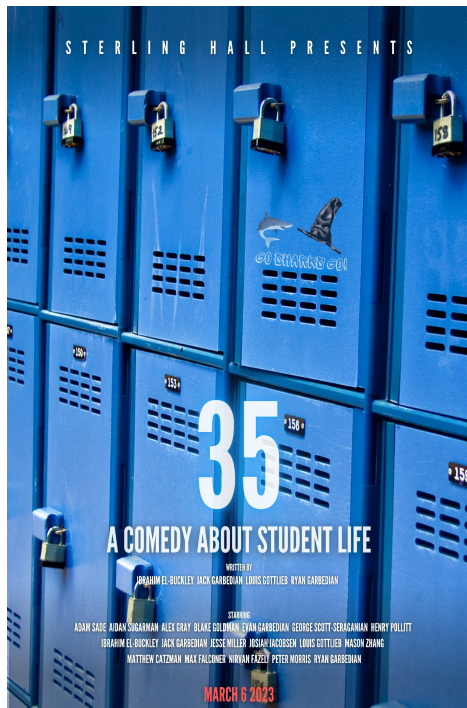
Peyton Benjamin - Student Contributor

On March 6, 2023 at SHS, the school performed its first sketch comedy. The students had been rehearsing since January and have been working hard. Matt Burns is directing the play and there are many actors bringing the play to life. A sketch comedy is a play, show or skit that is funny and created from various different drawings or art. This show is called "35" because this is SHS' thirty-fifth anniversary. It is making fun of the daily life at the school.

"The play so far is so good! Rehearsals have been [going on] since January, and before that it was being written by students in the 'School Play Elective' during the first term." Said Mr. Burns, "We perform the school play on March 6th. We have two performances during the day for all students and then an evening performance for friends, family, and parents. All of the performances will be in the JMS."

The school play is completely original and a student-created production. The boys worked with Matt Burns to brainstorm ideas and learn about writing sketch comedy. After they had an initial idea for various sketches/ scenes they wanted to have in the play and write about, we got to it and started writing. The play was written between September to December.

Some subject matter that the play touches on is Mr. Parsons' early days at the school. He is reflecting with a picture of the previous principals, Ian Robinson and Darlene Ferris. There is also a Harry Potter skit where SHS' houses [Morrison, Plumb, Howard and McClintock] are sorted like Harry Potter in the first movie.



It was such a success! All the actors, writers, and even Mr. Burns himself did a phenomenal job. This is another example of how amazing the arts programs are at Sterling Hall.

## Grade 5 Participates in Grandmother's Voice Workshop



On Monday April 3, 2023, SHS welcomed Grandmother's Voice, an Indigenous Foundation based on hope and peace. Their mission is to educate the broader community and work towards Truth and Reconciliation. The 5B boys were so grateful to have the opportunity to participate in a workshop lead by Grandmother's Voice. In this workshop, the boys learned about Indigenous culture and they participated in the making of Deweguns which are drums. These drums bear the names of Indigenous youth who did not return from Residential Schools.





# The U11 Blue Basketball Team: A Year-in-Review



Gavi Perez - Student Contributor

This year, the U11 Blue basketball team has a perfect record with 13 wins and 0 losses on the season. Ms. Younger, the head coach of the Blue basketball team is so impressed with the progress her athletes have made. According to Ms. Younger, "I think everyone on the team has improved since we started in November. Some boys had never played basketball and were improving on their ball handling skills whereas other boys have played before but needed to work on shooting, passing and defending their man."

Even though the team is undefeated, Ms Younger believes that there is still room for improvement. "The boys are working on having positive attitudes. This is really tricky as the boys are not hard on the other teams but they are hard on themselves and get disappointed if they miss a shot. The rest of the team is getting really good during these moments though and they work to bring up the boy who is feeling disappointed or upset. We are also continuing to work on rebounds and spreading out around the court," says Ms. Younger.

"I think the hardest part of our season was playing against UCC. It was tough playing in a different school but we persevere and came out on top," said Lucas, point guard on the Blue team. Great season boys!

## Next Week at a Glance...

**Monday, April 10 (Day 0) - No Classes**

**Tuesday, April 11 (Day 3 - PE uniform)**

7:00-8:00 - Early morning program MDH

3:45-4:45 - Ambassador's Club 6R

3:45-4:30 - Study Hall PLC

4:30-5:45 - After 4 Program MDH

**Wednesday, April 12 (Day 4 - Regular Uniform - no PE uniform)**

7:00-8:00 - Early morning program MDH

7:30-8:20 - U12 Softball Fields

7:30-8:20 - Morning Chess Club MDH

3:45-4:30 - Study Hall PLC

3:45-4:35 - Grade 5 Band SMC

3:45-4:45 - Track and Field Fields

4:30-5:45 - After 4 Program MDH

**Thursday, April 6 (Day 5 - #2 uniform - bring PE uniform)**

7:00-8:00 - Early morning program MDH

7:30-8:20 - Track and Field Fields

**2:30 - Dismissal for all students**

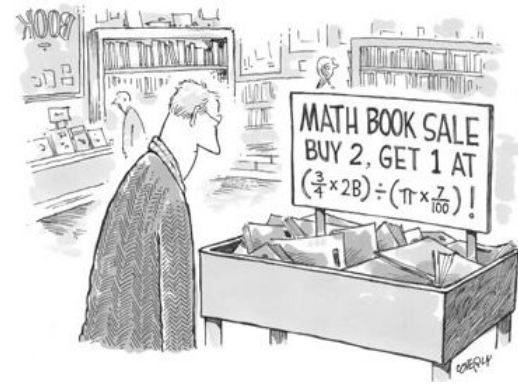
**No Study Hall**

2:45-5:45 - Extended After 4 Program MDH

3:00-8:00 - Parent Teacher Conferences

**Friday, April 7 - No Classes due to Parent Teacher Conferences**

**Classes resume on Monday April 17 (Day 6)**



## Homework Update

**No spelling** this weekend!

Feel free to **practice rehearsing your speech** over the long weekend. Speeches will be performed in class next week.

**No math homework** over the long weekend! We will begin our rate and ratio summative task next week.

## Meme of the Week!

Kings in a chess game:



The other chess pieces:

